



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The brain controls involuntary actions like breathing, blinking, thinking, and swallowing. It also controls our sense of smell, sight, touch, and taste and significantly impacts almost all aspects of life; and
- WHEREAS: Both a primary and a metastatic brain tumor diagnosis can affect anyone at any stage of life. There are nearly 700,000 people in the United States who are living with a primary brain tumor and it is estimated that 18,000 of those individuals will not survive. Approximately 25 to 40 percent of all cancer patients are diagnosed with a metastatic brain tumor and of the millions of individuals afflicted with this tumor, almost half will succumb to the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with a 34 percent, five-year relative survival rate and are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children and adolescents from birth to age 19; and
- WHEREAS: More than 3,600 people in Georgia will be diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2017. Although there are more than 120 different types of brain tumors, there have only been four FDA-approved drugs and one device used to treat this form of cancer in the past 30 years; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to many renowned cancer treatment facilities, including Emory Winship Cancer Center, Piedmont Brain Tumor Center, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, as well as research and educational institutions such as the Medical College of Georgia, University of Georgia, and Georgia Tech whose programs focus on research related to the development of a cure and more efficient treatments, as well as the resources to provide a better quality of life for brain tumor patients; and
- WHEREAS: Increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as enhanced education regarding the impact brain tumors have on the lives of both patients' and their families' are critical for finding a cure; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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